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1. BUILD-UP YOU THOUGHTFULLY FLAGGED IN REF HAS INDEED BEEN MATTER OF CONTINUING ATTENTION HERE. IT HAS ALSO PRODUCED BRISK, SOMETIMES HEATED, DEBATE ON WHETHER

(A) COMMUNISTS FIND THEMSELVES FORCED TO RESPOND TO TRUONG'S OFFENSIVE AND MOVES REFLECT URGENT HANOI ENDEAVOR TO PROTECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF APRIL/EARLY MAY COMMUNIST GAINS, WITH HANOI THROWING IN EVERY AVAILABLE ASSET INCLUDING GREEN REGIMENTS FROM THE 320B TRAINING DIVISION (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE 320TH LINE DIVISION UNDER THE B-3 FRONT), OR

(B) MOVES REFLECT STRATEGIC INITIATIVE BY HANOI WITH HANOI DEVELOPING PLANS FOR ITS OWN POLITICO-MILITARY REASONS AND IMPLEMENTING THEM ON ITS OWN TIMETABLE DESPITE (AND

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2. ISSUES ARE SOMETIMES EVEN FURTHER OVERSIMPLIFIED INTO DEBATE OVER WHETHER COMMUNISTS ARE BEING FORCED TO PLAY TRUONG'S GAME WITH HAND HE IS DEALING OR TRUONG IS FALLING INTO CLEVER, DELIBERATE AND CRAFTILY-BAITED COMMUNIST TRAP.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS, WHICH ARE CERTAINLY BETTER INFORMED THAN THOSE OF SOME OF THE WASHINGTON DEBATERS.

4. SMALL HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE. IF HANOI IS INDEED COMMITTING TRAINING REGIMENTS TO COMBAT, MANY OF WHOSE KK RIFLEMEN ARE GREEN RECRUITS, AND IF THE NVA STICKS TO TRADITIONAL DOCTRINE OF THE PAST THREE DECADES (AS IT IS VERY WONT TO DO), THE GREENER AND/OR TIREDER ELEMENTS OF ITS FORCE MIX (E.G., THE 320B AND POSSIBLY PART OF THE 312TH) ARE LIKELY TO BE USED AS CANNON FODDER IN HUMAN WAVE ATTACKS TO PROBE AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, BREACH OPPOSING LINES OR POSITIONS, WITH THE BETTER UNITS IN CLOSE RESERVE TO EXPLOIT ANY OPENINGS OR TACTICAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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GLAP AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIS TEACHINGS LIKE TO USE THEIR BETTER
TROOPS FOR THE COUP DE GRACE, PROTECTING THEM (BY NOT COMMITTING
THEM) IF THE OPPOSITION PROVES UNEXPECTEDLY STIFF. TESTING THAT
OPPOSITION IS A CHORE GENERALLY ASSIGNED TO THE LESS WELL
SEASONED EXPENDABLES EMPLOYED IN A WAY THAT UTILIZES MASS MORE
25X1 HAN SKILL. [REDACTED] CERTAINLY KNOWS THIS, BUT A GENTLE,
TACTFUL REMINDER MIGHT NOT BE AMISS.

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